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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR DELIVERY TO ALAN BEESLEY

1. ON JUNE 12 LETTER TO J. ALAN BEESLEY, Q.C., CANADIAN
HIGH COMMISSION, WAS POUCHED TO YOU FOR DELIVERY. FOLLOW-
ING IS A SECOND ENCLOSURE TO BE DELIVERED WITH LETTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

-- SEABEDS WORK REMAINING TO BE DONE

-- MAJOR ISSUES:

-- (1) THE COUNCIL - COMPOSITION AND VOTING - ARTICLE 159.

-- (2) ANNEX II - SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION, INCLUDING THE
BANKING SYSTEM - PARAS. 2, 3, 4 AND 5.

-- (3) APPLICABILITY TO THE ENTERPRISE OF PART OR ALL OF
ANNEX II OR OF COMPARABLE OBLIGATIONS - PARA. 6.

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-- (4) ADDITION OF SAFEGUARDS FOR THOSE WHO NEGOTIATE JOINT
VENTURES WITH THE ENTERPRISE - EITHER ANNEX II OR ANNEX
III.

-- (5) FINANCIAL TERMS OF CONTRACTS - AMOUNTS - PERCENT-
AGES AND ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF ANNUAL CHARGE TO

MINE - ANNEX II, PARA. 7.

-- (6) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT - SEC. 6 OR PART XV AND ANNEX VI, PARAS. 15 AND 37-41, PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON ARBITRATION AND CREATE A COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION OPTION FOR CONTRACTUAL AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER DISPUTES.

-- (7) REVIEW CONFERENCE - ART. 153 (6) - THE MORATORIUM PROBLEM.

-- OTHER ISSUES:

-- (1) DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS - ART. 140 - EITHER LIMIT TO STATES PARTIES OR MAKE CLEAR THAT AN EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WILL BE USED.

-- (2) CHANGE THE TITLE OF SEC. 3 TO "CONDUCT IN THE AREA."

-- (3) MAKE SOME DRAFTING CLARIFICATIONS IN ART. 143 ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

-- (4) ART. 150 BIS - CHANGE "INTERESTED PARTIES" TO "MAJOR PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS" AND DELETE THE SENTENCE THAT SAYS THE AUTHORITY REPRESENTS ALL PRODUCTION FROM THE AREA. ALSO CLARIFY FUNDING OF COMPENSATION SYSTEM.

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-- (5) DECIDE THE SITE OF THE AUTHORITY - ART. 154.

-- (6) IF POSSIBLE, RESTORE THE RECALL PROVISION ON ASSEMBLY VOTING - ART. 157.

-- (7) CHANGE METHOD OF SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SEABED DISPUTES CHAMBER - ART. 158.

-- (8) GIVE THE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS CONCERNING COMMODITY AGREEMENTS - ART. 160.

-- (9) DELETE "BRAZIL CLAUSE" ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND PARA. 5D (III) OF ANNEX II ON TIMING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

-- (10) DECIDE WHETHER PARTS OR ALL OF THE ANNEXES COULD BE MADE SIMPLY THE FIRST REGULATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY, SUBJECT TO LATER REVISION BY THE COUNCIL.

-- (11) CLARIFY AND LIMIT THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE ENTERPRISE - ANNEX III. VANCE

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